# BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS STATE OF MISSOURI

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS,	) ) .
Petitioner,	)
v.	) Case No. 2003-004316
SANDRA K. STEELE, D.O.,	)
Respondent.	)

# FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

This matter appears before the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts pursuant to a Complaint filed in the above-styled case. Pursuant to a Notice of Automatic Revocation Hearing, a hearing was held on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General William Vanderpool.

Assistant Attorney General Kristi Flint served as the Board's legal advisor. Respondent was not present for the hearing and was not represented by legal counsel. During the hearing, the Board reviewed all evidence presented. The Board considered the exhibits and evidence of the parties in reaching its decision.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts is an entity created under § 334.120, RSMo, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo, by registering, licensing, and supervising all physicians and surgeons.

- 2. Section 334.103, RSMo 2000, states, in pertinent part:
  - 1. The license of a physician shall be automatically revoked...upon the final and unconditional revocation of the license of a physician to practice the healing arts in another state or territory upon grounds for which revocation is authorized in this state following a review of the record of the proceedings and upon a formal motion of the state board of registration for the healing arts. The license of any such physician shall be automatically reinstated if the conviction or the revocation is ultimately set aside upon final appeal in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 3. Sandra K. Steele, D.O., (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed by the Board, license number R3D28. Respondent's certificate of registration expired on January 31, 2004.
- 4. Notice of Automatic Revocation Hearing was delivered to Respondent on or about June 14, 2004, via certified mail, return receipt number 7002 2030 0005 4701 5484.
- 5. Respondent was licensed to practice medicine by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts ("Kansas Board"), license number 5-21248.
- 6. On or about June 18, 2003, the Kansas Board revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine in Kansas. The Kansas Board Order revoking Respondent's license to practice is a final and unconditional revocation of Respondent's license to practice the healing arts in Kansas.
- 7. The Kansas Order to revoke Respondent's license was based on Respondent's failure to maintain a policy of professional insurance required by law; failure to pay premium surcharges to the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund; failure to make patient records available to patients or to other licensed health care providers; failure to furnish Board representatives with information legally requested and patient abandonment.

8. The grounds for which revocation was authorized in the state of Kansas are grounds for which revocation is authorized in this state pursuant to §334.100.2, RSMo 2000.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Revocation is authorized in this State pursuant to § 334.103, RSMo.
- 2. The findings of fact as set forth herein show cause for this Board to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to Section 334.103, RSMo.

## **DECISION AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent's license, number R3D28, to practice the Healing Arts in the State of Missouri shall be and is hereby REVOKED. Respondent is directed to immediately return to the Board her wall-hanging certificate, license and pocket card, and all other indicia of licensure.

IT IS SO ORDERED, effective this 20 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS

Tina Steinman
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**Executive Director**